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- SPA'DDLE. *n. f.* [Diminutive of *spade*.] A little spade. Others destroy moles with a *spadde*, waiting in the morning and evening for them. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
- SPADE. *n. f.* [spas, Saxon; *spade*, Mandick and Dutch.]
- The instrument of digging. Take the air of the earth new turned up, by digging with the *spade*, or standing by him that diggeth. *Bacon.* Many learned men affirm, that some illnesses have been cured through by the sea, and others cut by the *spade*. *Bacon.* His next advance was to the soldier's trade, Where if he did not nimbly ply the *spade*, His furly officer ne'er fail'd to crack. *Dryden.* Here nature never diff'rence made Between the sceptre and the *spade*. *Swift.*
 - A deer three years old. *Answorth.*
 - A suit of cards. *Answorth.*
- SPA'DICEOUS. *adj.* [*spadiceus*, Latin.] Of those five Scaliger beheld, though one was *spadiceus*, or of a light red, and two inclining to red, yet was there not any of this complexion among them. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
- SPADILLIE. *n. f.* [*spadille*, or *spadille*, French.] The ace of spades at ombre.
- SPAGYRICK. *adj.* [*spagyricus*, Lat. A word coined by Paracelsus from *spas*, a sear, and *gryk*, Teutonic.] Chymical.
- SPAGYRIST. *n. f.* A chymist. This change is so unexampled, that though among the more curious *spagyrist* it is very well known, yet many naturalists cannot easily believe it. *Boyle.*
- SPAKE. The old preterite of *spake*. So *spake* the archangel Michael, then paus'd. *Milton.*
- SPALL. *n. f.* [*espalle*, French.] Shoulder. Out of use. Their mighty strokes their habermans dismay'd, And naked made each others manly *spalles*. *Fairfax.*
- SPALT. or *Spelt*. *n. f.* A white, scaly, shining stone, frequently used to promote the fusion of metals. *Bailey.*
- SPAN. *n. f.* [span, rponne, Saxon; *spanna*, Ital. *span*, Dutch.]
- The space from the end of the thumb to the end of the little finger extended. A foot, the length of it, is a sixth part of the statute; a *span*, one eighth; a palm, or hand's breadth, one twenty-fourth; a thumb's breadth, or inch, one seventy-second; and a forefinger's breadth one ninety-sixth. *Hollier on Time.* Will you with courtesy sum The vast proportion of his infinite? And buckle in a waste most fathomless, With *span* and inches so diminutive As fears and reasons? *Shakespeare. Troilus and Cressida.* Sum how brief the life of man Runs his erring pilgrimage, That the stretching of a *span* Buckles in his sum of age. *Shakespeare.* When I removed the one, although but at the distance of a *span*, the other would stand like Hercules's pillar. *Brown.*
 - Any short duration. You have scarce time To steal from spiritual leisure a brief *span*, To keep your earthly audit. *Shakespeare. Henry VIII.* The virgin's part, the mother and the wife, So well the acted in this *span* of life. *Walker.* Then confidence, unrefrain'd by fears, began To stretch her limits, and extend the *span*. *Dryden.* Life's but a *span*, I'll ev'ry inch enjoy. *Farghar.*
- To SPAN. *v. a.*
- To measure by the hand extended. Oft on the well-known spot I fix my eyes, And *span* the distance that between us lies. *Tickell.*
 - To measure. My surveyor is false; the o'er great cardinal Hath shew'd him gold; my life is *spann'd* already. *Shakespeare.* This soul doth *span* the world, and hang content From either pole unto the centre; Where in each room of the well-furnish'd tent He lies warm, and without adventure. *Herbert.* Harry, whose tuneful and well-measur'd song First taught our English music how to *span* Words with just note and accent, not to scan With *Midas* ears, counting short and long. *Milton.*
- SPAN. The preterite of *spin*. See SPIN.
- SPANNER. *n. f.* Together furiously they ran, That to the ground came horse and man; The blood out of their helmets *span*, So sharp were their encounters. *Dryden's Nymphid.*
- SPANNCOUNTER. *n. f.* [from *span*, counter and *farthing*.] A *spanncounter*. } play at which money is thrown within a *span* or mark. Tell the king, that for his father's sake, Henry V. in whose time boys went to *spanncounter* for French crowns, I am content he shall reign. *Shakespeare's Henry VI.*
- Boys shall not play At *spanncounter* or blowpoint, but shall pay Toll to some courtier. *Donne.*

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- His chief solace is to steal down, and play at *spanncounter* with the page. *Swift.*
- SPANG. *n. f.* [*spange*, Dutch.] This word seems to have signified a cluster of shining bodies. The colours that flow best by candlelight are white, carnation, and a kind of sea-water green; andouches or *spangs*, as they are of no great cost, so they are of much glory. *Eaton.*
- SPA'NGLE. *n. f.* [*spange*, German, a buckle, a locket: whence *der spangen*, ear-ring.]
- A small plate or boss of shining metal.
 - Any thing sparkling and shining. As hoary frost with *spangles* doth attire The mossy branches of an oak half dead. *Fairy Queen.* Thus in a starry night fond children cry For the rich *spangles* that adorn the sky. *Waller.* The twinkling *spangles*, the ornaments of the upper world, lose their beauty and magnificence: vulgar spectators see them but as a confused huddle of petty illuminants. *Gavril.* That now the dew with *spangles* deck'd the ground, A sweeter spot of earth was never found. *Dryden.*
- To SPA'NGLE. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To besprinkle with *spangles* or shining bodies. They never meet in grove or green, By fountain clear, or *spangled* starlight sheen. *Shakespeare.* What stars do *spangle* heaven with such beauty, As those two eyes become that heavenly face. *Shakespeare.* Unpin that *spangled* breastplate which you wear, That th' eyes of busy fools may be stop't there. *Donne.* Four faces each Had, like a double Janus; all their shape *Spangled* with eyes, more numerous than those Of Argus. *Milton's Par. Lost.* Then appear'd *Spangling* the hemisphere, then first adorn'd With the bright luminaries, that set and rose. *Milton.* The spacious firmament on high, With all the blue ethereal sky, And *spangl'd* heav'n's, a flaming frame, Their great Original proclaim. *Addison's Spectator.*
- SPA'NIEL. *n. f.* [*spaniel*, Latin; *espanuel*, French.]
- A dog used for sports in the field, remarkable for sagacity and obedience. Divers days I followed his steps 'till I found him, having newly met with an excellent *spaniel* belonging to his dead companion. *Sidney.* There are arts to reclaim the wildest men, as there are to make *spaniels* fetch and carry: chide 'em often, and feed 'em seldom. *Dryden's Spanish Fryar.*
 - A low, mean, sneaking fellow; a courtier; a dedicator; a pensioner; a dependant; a placeman. I mean sweet words, Low crooked curtesies, and base *spaniel* fawning. *Shakespeare.* I am your *spaniel*, and, Demetrius, The more you best me I will fawn on you. *Shakespeare.*
- To SPA'NIEL. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To fawn on; to play the *spaniel*.
- The hearts That *spaniel'd* me at heels, to whom I gave Their wishes, do discandy and melt their sweets On blossoming Cæsar. *Shakespeare.*
- SPANISH Broom. *n. f.* [*genista juncea*, Lat.] A plant so called, as being a native of Spain: it hath pliant branches, leaves placed alternately, flowers of the pea-bloom kind, succeeded by smooth pods, containing several kidney-shaped seeds in each. *Miller.*
- SPANISH Nut. *n. f.* [*syzygium*, Latin.] A plant. It hath a flower resembling the iris, from whence it differs in having a double root, one lying over another, after the same manner as those of crocus and gladiolus. *Miller.*
- SPAN'KER. *n. f.* A small coin. Your cure too costs you but a *spanker*. *Denham.*
- SPAN'NER. *n. f.* The lock of a fultee or carbine. My prince's court is now full of nothing but buff-coats, *spanners*, and musket-rests. *Hayward.*
- SPAR. *n. f.* 1. Marcalite. *Spar* is a mixed body, consisting of crystal incorporated sometimes with *lac lunæ*, and sometimes with other mineral, stony, earthy, or metallick matter. Some stones, as *spar* of lead, dissolved in proper menstrua, become false. 2. [Sparre, Dutch.] A small beam; the bar of a gate. To SPAR. *v. n.* To fight with prelusive strokes. To SPAR. *v. a.* [spannan, Saxon; *sperran*, German.] To shut; to close; to bar. And if he chance come when I am abroad, Sparre the yate fast for fear of fraud; Ne for all his worth, nor for his best, Open the door at his request. *Spenser's Poetical.* Six gates 't' th' city with maffy staples, And correspondent and fulfilling bolts, Spar up the sons of Troy. *Shakespeare.*

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- Yet for the yode thereof half as oft, And Kiddle the door *sparred* after her fast. *Spenser.*
- SPARABLE. *n. f.* [spannan, Saxon; to fasten.] Small nails. SPARADRAP. *n. f.* [In pharmacy.] A ceruelch. With application of the common *sparadrap* for issues, this ulcer was by a fontanel kept open. *Wise's Surgery.*
- To SPARE. *v. a.* [spannan, Saxon; *sparen*, Dutch; *spargere*, French.]
- To use frugally; not to waste; not to consume. Thou thy father's thunder didst not *spare*. *Milton.*
 - To have unemployed; to save from any particular use. All the time he could *spare* from the necessary cares of his weighty charge he bestowed on prayer, and serving of God: he sometimes spent the night alone in church-praying, his head-pieces, gorgets, and gauntlets lying by him. *Rosier.* He had no bread to *spare*. *Waller.* Only the foolish virgins entertained this foolish conceit, that there might be an overplus of grace sufficient to supply their want; but the wise knew not of any that they had to *spare*, but supposed all that they had little enough. *Waller.* Let a pamphlet come in a proper juncture, and every one who can *spare* a shilling shall be a subscriber. *Swift.*
 - To do without; to lose willingly. I could have better *spar'd* a better man. *Shak. Hen. IV.* For his mind, I do not care, That's a toy that I could *spare*; Let his title be but great, His clothes rich, and hand fit neat. *Denham.* Sense of pleasure we may well *Spare* out of life perhaps, and not repine; But pain is perfect misery. *Milton.* Now she might *spare* the ocean, and oppose Your conduct to the fierceness of her foes. *Waller.* The fair blessing we vouchsafe to send; Nor can we *spare* you long, tho' often we may lend. *Dryden.*
 - To omit; to forbear. We might have *spar'd* our coming, Be pleas'd thy politics to *spare*; I'm old enough, and can myself take care. *Dryden.*
 - To use tenderly; to forbear; to treat with pity; not to afflict; not to destroy; to use with mercy. *Spare* us, good Lord. *Common Prayer.* Who will let the discipline of wisdom over mine heart, that they *spare* me not for my ignorances? *Eccles. xliii. 2.* Doth not each look a flash of lightning feel? Which *spare* the body's flesh, but melts the steel. *Clavel.* Dim sadness did not *spare* Celestiall viages. *Milton.* Less pleasure take brave minds in battles won Than in restoring such as are undone: Tygers have courage, and the rugged bear; But man alone can whom he conquers *spare*. *Waller.* *Spare* me one hour! O *spare* me but a moment. *Irene.*
 - To grant; to allow; to indulge. Set me in the remotest place, That Neptune's frozen arms embrace; Where angry love did never *spare*. *Rescommon.* One breath of kind and temperate air. To forbear to inflict or impose. *Spare* my remembrance; 'twas a guilty day; And still the blush hangs here. *Dryden.* All for Love. O *spare* this great, this good, this aged king, And *spare* your foul the crime! *Dryden's Spanish Fryar.* *Spare* my fight the pain Of seeing what a world of tears it costs you. *Dryden.*
- To SPARE. *v. n.*
- To live frugally; to be parcimonious; to be not liberal. H' has wherewithal: in him *Sparing* would show a worse sin than ill doctrine. *Shakespeare.* Those wants, which they rather feared than felt, would well enough be overcome by *sparing* and patience. *Kneller.* Our labours late and early every morning, Midst Winter frosts, then clad and tied with *sparing*, Rise to our toils. *Orcady.* God has not been so *sparing* to men to make them barely two-legged creatures, and left it to Aristotle to make them rational. *Locke.* When they discover the passionate desire of fame in the ambitious man, they become *sparing* and saving in their commendations; they envy him the satisfaction of an applause. *Addison.* Now a reservoir to keep and *spare*. *Pope.* The next a fountain spouting through his hair. No statue in his favour says How free or frugal I shall pass my days; Who at some times spend, at others *spare*, Divided between carelessness and care. *Pope.*
 - To forbear; to be scrupulous. His soldiers *sparred* not to say that they should be unkindly dealt with, if they were defrauded of the spoil. *Kneller.* In these relations, although he be more *sparing*, his predecessors were very numerous. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.* To pluck and eat my fill I *spar'd* not. *Milton.*

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3. To use mercy; to forgive; to be tender. Their king, out of a princely feelings, was *sparing* and compassionate towards his subjects. *Bacon.*
- SPARE. *adj.*
- Scanty; not abundant; parcimonious. He was *spare*, but direct of speech; better conceiving than delivering; equally stout and kind. *Cicero's Sur. of Cornelia.* Men ought to beware that they use not exercise and a *spare* diet both. *Locke's Natural History.* Join with thee calm peace and quiet. *Milton.* *Spare* fast, that oft with goals doth diet. The matters of the world were need up with *spare* diet; and the young gentlemen of Rome felt no want of strength, because they ate but once a day. *Locke.*
 - Superfluous; unwanted. If that no *spare* cloths he had to give, His own coat he would give, and it distribute glad. *F. 2.* As any of our *spare* waxed well, he might be removed; for which purpose there were set forth ten *spare* chambers. *Bacon.* Learning seems more adapted to the female world than to the male, because they have more *spare* time upon their hands, and lead a more sedentary life. *Addison's Spectator.* In my *spare* hours you've had your part; E'en now my servile hand your sovereign will obeys. *Narr.*
 - Lean; wanting flesh; meagre. O give me your *spare* men, and spare me the great ones. *Sh.* If my name were liable to fear, I do not know the man I should avoid So soon as that *spare* Cælius. *Shakespeare. Julius Caesar.* His visage drawn he felt to sharp and *spare*. *Milton's Par. Lost.* His arms clung to his ribs. *Milton's Par. Lost.*
- SPARE. *n. f.* [from the verb.] Parcimony; frugal use; husbandry. Not in use. Our victuals failed us, though we had made good *spare* of them. *Bacon.*
- SPARER. *n. f.* [from *sparare*.] One who avoids expence. By nature far from profusions, and yet a greater *sparer* than a savor; for though he had such means to accumulate, yet his forts, garrisons, and his castles, wherein he was only lump-sums, could not but but fock his Exchequer. *Addison.*
- SPARK. *n. f.* [*sparre*, Saxon; *spark*, Dutch.] Some part cut off from the ribs; as a *spark* of pork.
- SPARGATION. *n. f.* [*sparge*, Lat.] The act of sprinkling.
- SPARING. *adj.* [from *sparare*.]
- Scarc; little. Of this there is with you *sparing* memory or none; but we have large knowledge thereof. *Bacon.*
 - Scanty; not plentiful. If much exercise, then use a plentiful diet; and if *sparing* diet, then little exercise. *Bacon.* Good air, solitary groves, and *sparing* diet, sufficient to make you fancy yourself one of the fathers of the desert. *Pope.*
 - Parcimonious; not liberal. Virgil being so very *sparing* of his words, and leaving so much to be imagined by the reader, can never be translated as he ought in any modern tongue. *Dryden.* Though *sparing* of his grace, to mischief bent, He seldom does a good with good intent. *Dryden.*
- SPARINGLY. *adv.* [from *sparing*.]
- Not abundantly. Give us leave freely to render what we have in charge; Or shall we *sparingly* shew you far off The daughter's meaning? *Shakespeare. Henry V.* The borders whereon you plant fruit-trees should be large, and set with fine flowers; but thin and *sparingly*, lest they deceive the trees. *Bacon's Essays.*
 - Frugally; parcimoniously; not lavishly. Speech of touch towards others should be *sparingly* used; for discourse ought to be as a field, without coming home to any man. *Bacon's Essays.* High titles of honour were in the king's minority *sparingly* granted, because dignity then waited on desert. *Hayward.* Commend but *sparingly* whom thou do'st love; But less condemn whom thou do'st not approve. *Denham.* The morality of a grave sentence, affected by Lucan, is more *sparingly* used by Virgil. *Dryden.*
 - With abstinence. Christians are obliged to taste even the innocent pleasures of life but *sparingly*. *Atterbury.*
 - Not with great frequency. Our sacraments, which had been frequented with so much zeal, were approached more *sparingly*. *Atterbury's Sermons.*
 - Cautiously; tenderly. SPARK. *n. f.* [*spargere*, Saxon; *spark*, Dutch.] 1. A small particle of fire, or kindled matter. If any marvel how a thing, in itself so weak, could import any great danger, they must consider not so much how small the *spark* is that flitch up, as how apt things about it are to take fire. *Locke.* I am about to weep; but thinking that We are a queen, my drops of tears I'll turn To sparks of fire. *Shakespeare.*